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GIVE HIM THE MEDAL.

If there is a medal to be awarded for narrow mindedness and religious prejudice the editor of the Western Recorder, a local Baptist paper, is certainly a worthy contender. Speaking of the request in the Senate for the people of the United States to pray at noon each day for the success of our soldiers, he says:

"This prayer is distinctly and exclusively a Roman Catholic prayer, and is so understood by the telexographers and the rank and file. Worse still, the prayer is made to the Virgin Mary, and hence not adapted to Protestant or Baptist use. We have made an earnest effort to do everything our noble President has requested us. Personally we would prefer to quit praying altogether than pray to the Virgin Mary. Certainly we are thankful that we have not yet been officially requested to observe this Roman Catholic custom."

MARSE HENRY'S KNOCKOUT.

A little coterie of self-appointed reformers, who claim to represent the entire Protestant church population, are now being bombarded on all sides for the expose of their latest reform movement, in which they hired two worthies from Chicago to conduct a vice investigation in this city. The report showed an expense account of \$700 used for liquor, taxicab rides, etc., and before several of the Bible classes Sunday the reformers tried to show how noble it was to spend the money that way. Pretty near every town is infested with this class of holier than thou reformers and Editor Henry Watterson's broadside of the Men's Federation and its purpose was much relished. In part Marse Henry said:

It is the fanatical religionist who rushes in after the manner of the Churchman's Federation; who consorts with pimps and rogues; who convives at debauchery and outwary; who, adopting the rule of set a thief to catch a thief, loses sight of the simplest precepts of common honesty and common sense. Often he is not a fanatic at all, but a sleek pharisee, a wanton sensationalist in quest of excitement, where not a scamp outright. His activities, whatever his motives, are always harmful. They never accomplish anything good or real. They only advertise vice and corrupt the ignorant and unseeing. If the Churchmen's Federation can do no better for morals than put its money into the Chicago pimp business with its lures to make and to catch harlots it had better disband, or go elsewhere than Louisville, which was a middling good town before the oldest of its members were born, and will remain a middling good town after the youngest of them are dead and buried and gone to the worms.

AMERICAN VICTORY.

The second battle of the Marne and the check of the German army developed into a determined counter attack on the part of the French and Americans. The enemy has now been driven back across the Marne and an effort is being made to cut off that portion of his army which occupies the pocket-shaped salient made by the German advance in May. Whether that effort will succeed appears now to be doubtful. The important feature of the battle, however, is that the German offensive was definitely checked almost as soon as it started and that the Allies have taken the initiative. We scarcely expect them to drive the Germans back very far this year. But the defeat of the offensive started by the Germans marks the beginning of better things. It means that the American troops—who have been chiefly responsible for the turning of the battle—are now in France in sufficient numbers to change the aspect of the war. There is little likelihood that another offensive will be undertaken by the Germans soon; and meanwhile the American forces in France are growing at the rate of 300,000 a month. The time can not be far distant when our superiority will be such that the German Generals must abandon all hope of taking the offensive again.

Probably the second battle of the Marne marks the high tide of German strength. The utter collapse of Russia last year freed immense armies for use on the western front. The hope of Germany was to crush the Allies in the west before America could arrive in force. It must be admitted that the plan came near enough to realization to cause grave anxiety in the camp of the Allies. But the worst danger appears now to be over. The war is entering upon a new phase. Perhaps it is the final phase; but it would be unwise to count upon an early victory. Ger-

many is still powerful enough to wage a long defensive warfare. To attain victory we must not slacken in our efforts. The more men we can equip and land in France within the next few months the sooner will the struggle be over. The administration at Washington seems to realize this fact, and it is bending every effort to rush preparations for an army of at least five million men. That army will be needed to insure victory and we should be satisfied with nothing less. The Allies now look to us to win the war. We must do it at any cost. We have begun well. The victory of the second battle of the Marne is an American victory. Our work is marked out for us.

WORK OR FIGHT.

Under the work or fight rule why not enforce it strictly on the walking delegates or so-called labor leaders who are fomenting strikes and labor troubles in these critical times? The only occupation followed by these gentry is to attempt to deliver the mythical labor vote and the same result is noted from Maine to California—the workingmen rebuke the self-appointed leaders by always voting for the other fellow.

UNANSWERED.

John Dillon, the Irish Nationalist leader, voiced the question in Parliament this week that the majority of people throughout the civilized world have waited for an answer to, but this vital question still remains unanswered. He said: "How could Great Britain put before the world as one of her subjects of the war the freeing of small nationalities when there was Ireland at her back door under the unhappy tyranny of a military government?"

PUNISH THE GRAFTERS.

Disclosures of fraud and gross profiteering in army contracts need not surprise the country. These things, says the True Voice, were to be expected in spite of every precaution that could be taken by the Government. In every war there have been those who would not scruple to take advantage of the nation for their own profit. Graft and profiteering were extensive in the civil war, and in the war with Spain the beef scandal was a subject for Congressional investigation. The grafters and profiteers of today are simply following in the footsteps of other "patrioters" in other times of national danger.

What, however, does not excuse or palliate their offense, which is most serious, inasmuch as it inflicts unnecessary hardships on the boys who are fighting for their country. There should be no leniency shown to those who have been detected in the despicable crime. Their punishment should be such as will serve as a deterrent for those who would imitate their unholly practices. And a close watch should be kept on army contracts of all kinds. The temptation to dishonesty is great, and the business methods in vogue in some circles in times of peace give no guarantee of honesty when dealing with the Government.

We are glad to learn that officials at Washington have at last determined to get rid of the men who volunteered their services for a dollar a year. No doubt most of them were moved by a patriotic impulse to aid the Government. But it was a dangerous thing to have men in Government service paid by large corporations and not by the Government itself. If their services were worth anything they were worth paying for. Then there should be vigilant care exercised in letting contracts. In the first months of the war haste was the most important thing in providing for the men called to the colors. But we have now got to the stage where honesty in fulfilling contracts is just as important as speed. Let there be no mercy for the grafters, and no more contracts for those who have been found unworthy of trust. Such men are as dangerous as spies among us.

The lamented George T. Angell, founder of Our Dumb Animals and one of the world's foremost humanitarians, would never consent to nor urge forgetfulness of America's past history. History must stand as made, whether it be that of Great Britain, France or the United States. Camouflage will not alter the truth. What England does to day may somewhat atone for the past, but will not change the history of either country. The founders of



Cardinal MERCIER

has appealed to the Food Administration for more food for starving millions. Eat less wheat-meat-fats and sugar. Ship more to the war-stricken people of

FRANCE-BELGIUM-ITALY

this country made the greatest and best history the world has yet known, and true Americans will not sanction its obliteration for England's sake.

Catholics yield to no one in reverence for and due observance of the Lord's day; but they desire no part or fellowship with rigid Pharisaical Sabbatarians who seek to rob working men and women of all innocent recreation on the one free day of their toilsome week. A murrain upon all such Pharisees, say we!

COMING EVENTS.

August 6—Annual picnic for Holy Trinity church, St. Matthews.
August 7 and 8—St. Columba's church lawn fete, afternoon and evening, on grounds at Thirty-fifth and Market.
August 8—Annual outing for members of Knights of Columbus and families at Fern Grove.
August 28—Good Shepherd day at Fontaine Ferry Park.
August 28—Annual picnic of St. Leo's church, Highland Park, at Thornberry's Grove, Highland Park.

SOCIETY.

Miss Annie McGill will leave soon to spend two weeks in the East.

Misses Mamie and Katie McGill, of the Highlands, are spending ten days in Martinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Menne and family left Sunday to spend some time in Chicago.

Miss Mary Ryan, of Jeffersonville, has returned from a visit with friends at Newport, Ky.

John Conroy has returned to Frankfort, after a visit to his sister, Mrs. L. McCloy, in Clifton.

Mrs. Mary Cox and Miss Margaret Kennedy, of Portland, spent the week end in Bardstown.

Miss Louise Mahoney, of Oxford, Miss., who visited Miss Marguerite McLean, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wickham have returned from Bloomfield, where they visited Mrs. Julia Dalton.

Louis J. O'Brien, of this city, was among the Saturday arrivals at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

Miss Mary Belle Boone has returned from a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Rapier, at New Haven.

Mrs. Thomas Boone had as her guest the past week her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Bowling, of New Haven.

Misses Florence M. Bell and Ida Barnes arrived home Thursday, after a month's stay at Bay View, Mich.

Miss Mary Stone has returned from Jeffersonville, where she was for a week the guest of Mrs. J. H. McManus.

Mrs. William J. Mahoney left last week for Oxford, Miss., after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. G. McLean, Crescent Hill.

Mrs. J. E. Hendricks and daughter, Mary Glenn, of Oakdale, are visiting friends and relatives in Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Sue Cox, of Middleton, has been spending the week as the guest of Misses Mary and Margaret Finegan in Clifton.

Charles O'Brien, of Jeffersonville, had as a welcome guest for the past week his brother, William O'Brien, of Evansville.

Sojourning at West Baden Springs for the week were Messrs. Henry Michael, the well known shoe dealer, and James P. McKenna.

Miss Agnes Gohmann, of New Albany, is spending a few weeks at St. Mary's Academy at Terre Haute, where she was a former student.

Mrs. Richard L. Condon and son, Master Richard Wathen Condon, left Sunday to spend the remainder of the summer at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Mrs. Thomas Brady and little son, of Indianapolis, are guests of Mrs. Brady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Alderson, at their home on the Bardstown road.

Mrs. William Doherty and two children are in New Albany from San Antonio, Texas, to visit Mrs. Wallace Gwin, Miss Edith Doherty and other relatives.

Mrs. Dora Milligan and Miss Aileen Milligan, of Sherwood avenue, were last week guests of Mrs. Moore Howard and Mrs. William Brennan, of Chesterfield Court.

James Thompson, who is in training with the Marines at Paris Island, is again in camp after a pleasant visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Thompson, at Anchorage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. J. Preuss and children have returned to their home, 3017 West Chestnut street, after spending a month in the Highlands with Mrs. Preuss' sister, Mrs. W. J. Bartlett.

Having a delightful visit in New York City the past week were Mrs. J. F. Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. A. Latta, W. A. Grady and John J. Kennedy, of this city, and G. E. Medley, of Owensboro.

Col. Frank McGrath returned Tuesday from Atlantic City, where he and his family are spending the summer. Col. McGrath will return East after the primary election affairs are settled here.

A letter received the first of the week from Harry T. Colgan, sending regards to his Louisville friends, says he has been for some time in the Sunny South, and though it "sure is some hot" he is well and pleasantly located at the Jefferson Hotel at Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Mary Glenn announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Marie Glenn, to Sergeant Joseph Stone Davis, 336th Infantry, N. A. The wedding took place in the Knights of Columbus building at Camp Sherman, Ohio, the Rev. Father F. C. Gruenmeyer officiating. The attendants were Lieut. Sylvester Straesley and Mrs. Straesley. Mrs. Davis will remain in Chillicothe until Serg. Davis receives orders for foreign service.

AWAITING APPOINTMENT.

Rev. Frank J. Martin is stationed at St. Patrick's church while he is awaiting a reply from the War Department regarding his application for a chaplaincy in the army.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.

Yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock at Sacred Heart church, Seventeenth and Broadway, Rev. Patrick Walsh, the pastor, celebrated a high mass for the men of that parish who are offering their lives in the service of their country. The church was well filled and many parents offered their communion for the boys now in the army and navy. This mass will continue during the war. The Sacred Heart congregation has sent 121 of its young men to the front, and in their honor a large and beautiful regulation service flag, containing 121 stars, will be solemnly blessed and unfurled at the high mass at 9:30 o'clock. Father Walsh will be assisted by a number of priest chaplains from Camp Taylor, and Rev. Father Mercla will preside at the sermon. Prof. Patrick O'Sullivan will direct the musical programme, which will conclude with the "Star Spangled Banner." Father Walsh has taken a patriotic interest in the welfare of his soldier boys and there will doubtless be a large gathering to witness the services, many of whom will be soldiers.

SERVICE FLAG BLESSED.

The blessing and dedication of the service flag of St. Michael's church, Brook street, took place Sunday evening and was an impressive ceremony. Members of congregation and relatives and friends of the soldier boys assembled on the grounds adjoining the church, where seats had been arranged for the audience and a covered stage for the speakers. Thomas Garvey presided as Chairman and on the platform were the Rev. Fathers Fitzgerald, Willett, Martin and others, also the speakers, Chaplain Vincent O'Brien, Grand Knight Thomas D. Cline, and Attorney Thomas Walsh. Following "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," sang by St. Michael's choir, the Concordia Singing Society and the audience, Rev. Martin O'Connor, the pastor, read the names of those in the service and blessed the flag bearing forty-nine stars. The first speaker was the Rev. Chaplain Vincent O'Brien, from Camp Zachary Taylor, who assured his hearers that their boys were better cared for, both morally and physically, than ever before. Uncle Sam, he said, had the blessing of God, and with the lesson inculcated and tender care bestowed those the stars represent will have clean hearts and bodies and will come back better men and with more love for mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts. Dwelling on the chaplain's faculties and the soldier's duty, he quoted Gov. Glynn and declared the motive of our country ideal—justice and honor. Next on the programme was a special number by the Concordia Singing Society, speaking for the Knights of Columbus and their work, struck a responsive chord when he told of his boyhood days in St. Michael's and recounted happenings that were best remembered by the older members of the congregation. He then gave a detailed account of the work of the Knights of Columbus at the army camps here and in France. In our camp there are now four K. of C. chaplains and eighteen Secretaries, and last Sunday there were twenty-two masses with from 300 to 900 men at each, making an impression and example that stand out for all others. There are now five K. of C. buildings at Camp Taylor, one with three Secretaries for colored soldiers, and at all a cordial welcome awaited visitors. In concluding he had words of praise for the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., who have offered their tents and buildings for Catholic religious services.

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